Homeland Security Preparedness Technical Assistance Program (HSPTAP)

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Technical Assistance Defined

> A process of providing help to resolve a problem and/or create innovative approaches to the prevention of, response to, and recovery from CBRNE terrorism and other hazards.

- Technical Assistance (TA) seeks to provide services that can accomplish one or more of the following objectives:
    - Identify a problem
    - Address an identified problem
    - Address items in an improvement plan from a completed exercise
    - Fill "gaps" between equipment, training, and exercise programs
    - Assist in the development and/or execution of projects identified in the ISIP or BSIR

HSPTAP Overview

- HSPTAP is the vehicle by which TA services are designed, developed, and delivered

- Provides direct assistance to State, local, urban area, and special needs jurisdictions

- Solid foundation including:
    - HSPD-8
    - Universal Task List
    - Universal Adversary
    - Homeland Security Council Scenarios
    - Prevention and Deterrence Guidelines
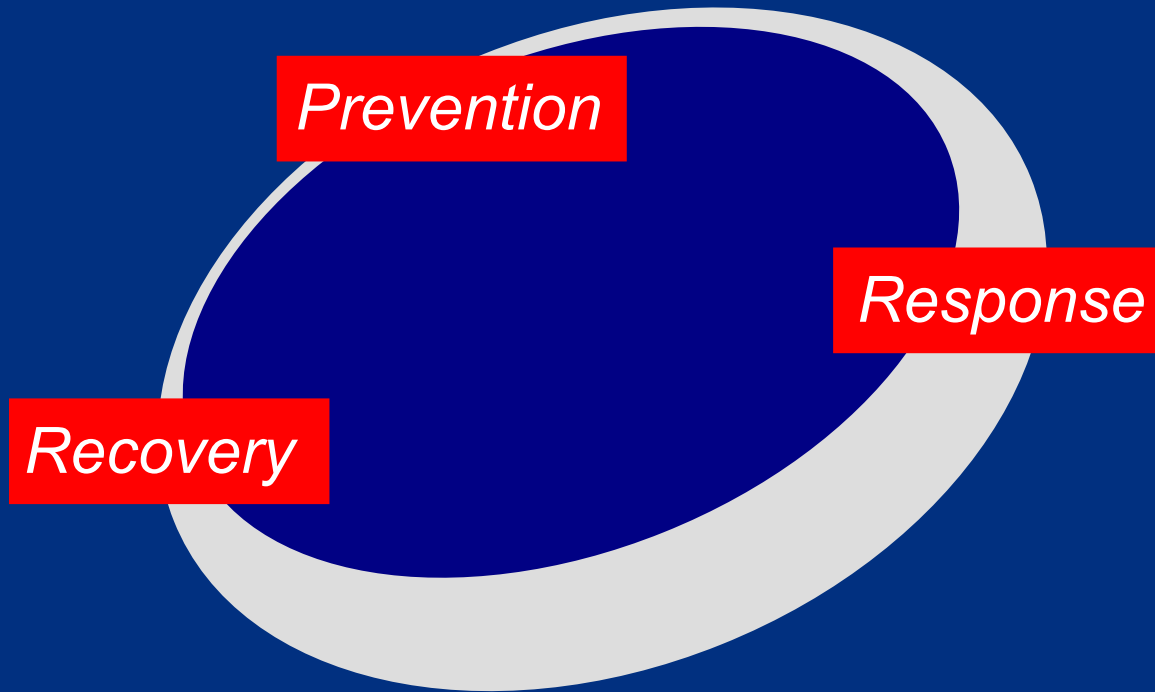   - Task Capability List

HSPTAP Overview

- HSPTAP services may be provided to:
  - State and local governments
  - Law enforcement
  - Fire
  - Hazardous materials
  - Additional community agencies with CBRNE and/or other hazards responsibilities

- **All TA services are available to eligible recipients at no charge**

HSPTAP Structure

Prevention

Response

Recovery

Prevention, response, and recovery, as outlined in HSPD-8, define the HSPTAP structure.

HSPTAP Levels of Support

- To best accommodate the wide variety of TA needs, OSLGCP supports several levels of technical assistance:

Level One
- Information
- Resources

Level Two
- Models
- Templates
- Samples

Level Three
- On-site Specific Workshops
- Direct Guidance and Consultation
- Meeting Facilitation

HSPTAP Catalog

- Centralized list of all TA services and deliveries

- User-friendly reference document for TA Requestors

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Category → *CBRNE TERRORISM RESPONSE* **RESP 210** ← **TA Number**

TA Title → ## EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYNCHRONIZATION MATRIX TA

Overview →
The Emergency Response Synchronization Matrix (Sync Matrix) TA program provides an effective means for developing emergency preparedness and response capabilities and allows users to integrate, coordinate, and synchronize plans for multi-jurisdictional emergency operations. Developed by Argonne National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Sync Matrix is an innovative software tool that provides emergency planning assistance by graphically displaying the complex multi-jurisdictional activities that support the planning and decision-making process.

Objectives →
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• Enhance emergency planning by eliminating the difficulties associated with the preparation of coordinated emergency operations plans and procedures
• Enhance emergency response exercise design and evaluation
• Provide feedback that allow planners to identify needed improvements in plans, procedures, and training requirements
• Provide a response implementation and management tool

Delivery Methods →
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•Sync Matrix TA will be delivered through a series of on-site consultations:

Technical Assistance Levels
Level Two: Models, templates, samples
Level Three: On-site training workshops
← **TA Levels**

Duration
The duration of the TA delivery will vary depending on location. The initial assessment meeting(s), kick-off meeting, and training workshops can generally be conducted over the course of 3-6 months with return visits scheduled as needed.
← **Duration**

Target Audience
Emergency management/homeland security managers and planners from UASI core cities.
← **Target Audience**

Eligibility
Sync Matrix is initially being offered to Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) core cities.
← **Eligibility**

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Requesting HSPTAP Services

- All TA requests must be made in writing and sent to OSLGCP for approval, coordination, and execution

APPENDIX A | **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) REQUEST FORM

TA Requestor: _____   Date: _____
(State or local jurisdiction requesting TA)

Please describe the nature and extent of the issue or problem you are experiencing:

Delivering HSPTAP Services

- Several different TA Providers are used to deliver services

- All services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the TA Requestor

- TA Provider is given permission to contact the TA Recipient to schedule the delivery

- The TA Manager is responsible for providing general oversight and guidance
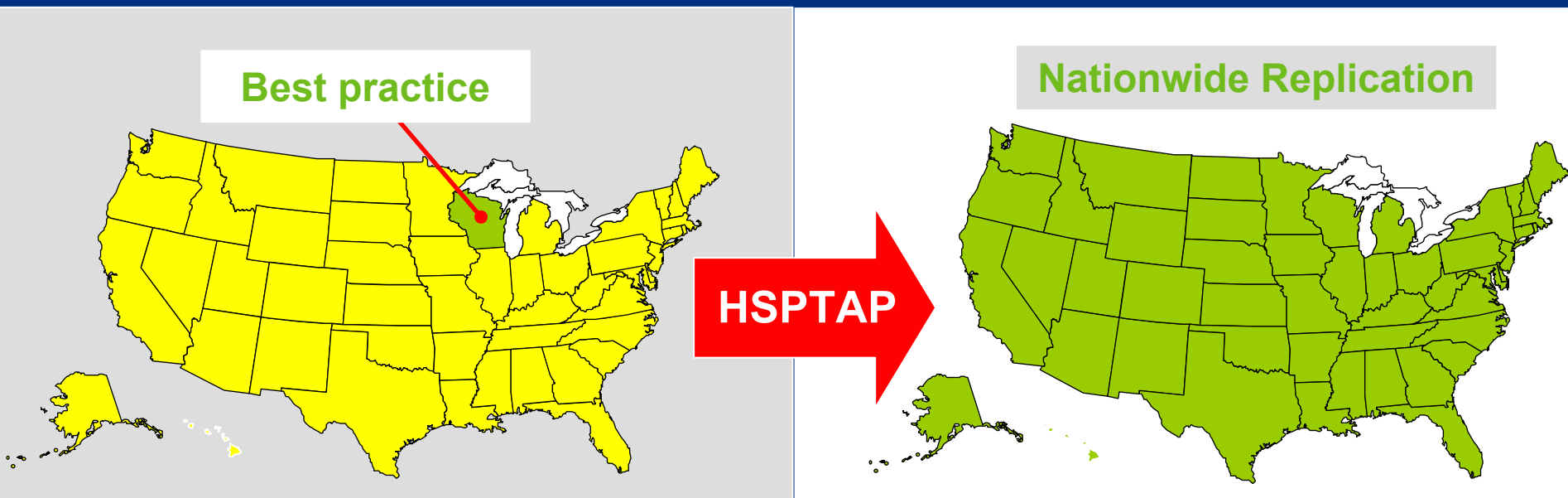
Evaluating HSPTAP Services

- The evaluation of TA services is a vital component of OSLGCP's ongoing oversight and improvement efforts

  - Evaluation forms

    - Completed within seven business days of TA delivery

    - Feedback used to strengthen future deliveries

  - After Action Reports (AARs)

    - Programmatic overview

    - Financial summary

Replication of Best Practices

- State, local, and urban area "best practices" are a central pillar of HSPTAP

- HSPTAP depends, as a solution area, on the identification of best practices that can be replicated on a nationwide scale

Best practice

Nationwide Replication

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Current Service Spotlights

- COOP/COG Technical Assistance
  - Assists in the review, development, and revision of continuity of operations plans and continuity of government initiatives
  - Provides field support to implement COOP/COG guidance

- Emergency Response Synchronization Matrix Technical Assistance
  - Provides and effective means for developing emergency preparedness and response capabilities
  - Allows users to integrate, coordinate, and synchronize plans for multi-jurisdictional emergency response operations

- Enhancing Grants Management Technical Assistance
  - Further improves the management and accounting of grant funds awarded by ODP
  - Ensures the widespread implementation of recommendations outlined in the June 2004 Task Force Report on State and Local Homeland Security Funding

Current Service Spotlights

- Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program
  - Provides refurbished excess radiation detection instrumentation, and other equipment, training and technical assistance to state and local emergency responders
  - Since 2003, HDER has provided over 15,000 equipment items valued at nearly $5,500,000 to 27 different states
  - Equipment is made available on a first come first serve basis through SAA HDER POCs and Urban Area HDER POCs

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Current Service Spotlights

- Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEW)

  - Provides support to replicate the TEW model nationwide in UASI locations and other jurisdictions and improve networking between TEWs nationwide

  - Facilitates Intelligence Coordination between Federal, State & local agencies including: threat intelligence, target information, critical infrastructure protection, preparedness planning, response planning, resource allocation, deployment of assets

Current Service Spotlights

- Mass Transit Technical Assistance Program

  - Provides field support to Regional Transit Security Work Group (RTSWG) and transit systems in support of the FY05 grant requirements, including the provision of:

    - A project team to support transit agencies in the implementation of a risk assessment process that is used to identify and prioritize mass transit agency needs, according to risk, security and response capability

    - A facilitated overview workshop to support transit agencies in the establishment of an RTSWG and provide assistance in understanding the various requirements associated with developing and submitting the RTSS to ODP

    - A facilitated workshop to assist transit agencies in the completion and submission of the RTSS template to ODP

Current Service Spotlights

- Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP)
  - Designed to enhance interoperable communications between local, state, and federal emergency responders and public safety officials
  - Goal is enable local public safety agencies to communicate as they prevent or respond to a CBRNE terrorist attack by:
    - Enhancing Public Safety Interoperability with regard to WMD terrorism threats
    - Providing capability for individuals and agencies to communicate with whom they need to whenever, and wherever required
    - Leveraging existing Federal, State and local on-going efforts whenever possible
    - Providing end-to-end planning, system design, implementation and follow-up services
  - Assistance with policy development, needs analysis, solutions, program implementation and operations testing

Current Service Spotlights

- ICTAP (continued)
    - *All UASI sites (as well as designated jurisdictions within states that do not have a UASI) are required to develop a <u>Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan</u>*
        - Plan must achieve tactical interoperable communications across all jurisdictions in the urban area
        - ODP will release specific guidance on the tactical interoperable communications requirement in the National Planning Guidance this month
        - Grantees will have *<u>six months</u> <u>from the release of the guidance</u>* to develop the tactical interoperable communications plan
        - *Grantees <u>will have one year</u> <u>following the submission of the tactical interoperable communications plan</u> to validate the plan as part of the cycle of multi-jurisdictional exercise activities required for the IED scenario*

Current Service Spotlights

- ICTAP (continued)
  - Tactical Interoperability
    - Must be rapidly deployable at any time (24/7)
    - Should be fully operational within an hour of an incident occurring
    - Requires oversight by trained Communications Unit Leaders, as defined within the NIMS, to support equipment deployment
    - May be provided through the use of common equipment (common channels, cached radios or shared systems) or a gateway between dissimilar systems and/or radio frequency bands
    - Should always be in support of long-term interoperability by building upon or accelerating long-term strategies and efforts

Future Service Development

- Prevention and Deterrence Technical Assistance Program
  - Objective is to enhance the capacity of state, local, tribal, and special needs jurisdictions to develop, plan, and implement effective strategies for terrorism prevention
  - A full menu of prevention and deterrence (P&D) TA services are currently being designed, developed, and piloted to enhance core P&D capabilities

- Multi-Jurisdictional Prevention and Response Plan Development
  - Targeted technical assistance will be designed, developed, and delivered to ensure urban areas are assisted in accomplishing the planning requirement articulated in the FY2005 Grant Guidance
  - MPRP Guidance will:
    - Describe target prevention and response capability levels as they relate to the IED scenario
    - Provide instructions regarding the application of these capabilities in the development and update of prevention and response plans
    - MPRP Guidance to be released May 2, 2005